# *Town of Colchester, Connecticut*

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Mary Bylone, First Selectman

## BOARD OF FINANCE SPECIAL MEETING
## May 12, 2021 – Zoom Meeting – 6:30 PM
## Minutes

All members and citizens were present via Zoom Webinar – Meeting was recorded

**BOF Members Present:** Chairman R. Tarlov, B. Dennler, M. Egan, M. Hayes, A. Bisbikos, A. Migliaccio
**Also Present:** CFO M. Cosgrove, First Selectman M. Bylone, Superintendent Jeffrey Burt

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Tarlov called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting 05/05 – Motion by M. Hayes, 2nd by M. Egan. Vote was unanimous, *MOTION CARRIED 6-0.* Public Hearing 05/04 – Motion by B. Dennler, 2nd by M. Hayes. Vote was unanimous, *MOTION CARRIED 6-0.*
3. CITIZENS' COMMENTS – Some citizens spoke about their desire to delay any decisions on the budget until after Board members and others have been able to analyze the 151 page document containing guidance on how ARPA funds may be used and if any items in the budgets can be paid for using those funds.
4. CORRESPONDENCE – None
5. BOARD BUDGET DISCUSSION - The Board, along with CFO Cosgrove and First Selectman Bylone, discussed the ARPA guidance. Chairman Tarlov was unwilling to vote on moving the budget forward as he had not received the document to review the ARPA guidance.
6. CITIZENS' DISCUSSION – Some citizens continued the discussion on the relief funds and a delay in the budget process.
7. BOARD BUDGET DISCUSSION – The possibility for a delay and its effects was discussed. It was noted that some surrounding towns have gone ahead with their budgets.
8. CITIZENS' DISCUSSION - Some citizens continued the discussion on the relief funds and a delay in the budget process.
9. BOARD BUDGET DISCUSSION – Superintendent Burt made some comments about information he has received about fund use guidance.
10. CITIZENS' COMMENTS – A citizen voiced her support on moving forward with the budget process rather than waiting. Another citizen said finding out more details on ARPA is a good idea, but it is important to move forward and pass the budgets.
11. ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn by M. Hayes, 2nd by A. Bisbikos. *MOTION CARRIED 6-0.*

Submitted by,

Stacey Schweighoffer, Clerk

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